

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Fish and Wildlife Service, after receiving testimony from Robert Wallace, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, and Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VA MISSION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA MISSION Act, focusing on the implementation of the Community Care Network, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Stone, Executive in Charge, Kameron Matthews, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, and Jennifer MacDonald, VA MISSION Act Lead, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans Deputy National Legislative Director, Washington, D.C.; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, USA (Ret.), OptumServe, Falls Church, Virginia; and David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5756–5767; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 87; and H. Res. 832, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3941, to enhance the innovation, security, and availability of cloud computing services used in the Federal Government by establishing the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration and by establishing a risk management, authorization, and continuous monitoring process to enable the Federal Government to leverage cloud computing services using a risk-based approach consistent with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 and cloud-based operations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–391); and

H. Res. 833, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 826) expressing disapproval of the Trump administration's harmful actions towards Medicaid; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2474) to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure

Act of 1959, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5687) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–392).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Seth Frisch, New Shul of America, Rydal, Pennsylvania.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act: H.R. 4305, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy; **Pages H777–80**

Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act: H.R. 4044, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 35; **Pages H780–85, H833**

San Francisco Bay Restoration Act: H.R. 1132, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution

Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; **Pages H785–88**

Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act: H.R. 2247, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound; **Pages H788–96**

Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1620, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program; **Pages H796–99**

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019: H.R. 4031, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 36; **Pages H799–H805, H833–34**

Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program: H.R. 4275, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program; **Pages H805–06**

Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: H.R. 5214, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; **Pages H806–08**

Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: H.R. 3830, amended, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory; **Pages H808–11**

USPS Fairness Act: H.R. 2382, to amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 37; **Pages H811–15, H834–35**

Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act: H.R. 3941, amended, to enhance the innovation, security, and availability of cloud computing services used in the Federal Government by establishing the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration and by establishing a risk management, authorization, and continuous monitoring process to enable the Federal Government to leverage cloud computing services using a risk-based approach consistent with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 and cloud-based operations; **Pages H815–19**

Payment Integrity Information Act: S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Government-wide improper payments; **Pages H819–25**

Presidential Transition Enhancement Act: S. 394, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions; **Pages H825–27**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12711 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Aretha Franklin Post Office Building”: H.R. 3976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12711 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Aretha Franklin Post Office Building”; **Pages H827–28**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”: H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”; **Pages H828–29**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”: H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H829–30**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”: H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”; **Pages H830–31**

Permitting the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones: H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones; and **Pages H831–32**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the “Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office”: H.R. 4279, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the “Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office”. **Pages H832–33**

Making a technical correction to the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee

and agree to H. Res. 812, making a technical correction to the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act. **Page H835**

Providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S.J. Res. 65, providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H835**

Providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S.J. Res. 67, providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H835**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Granger announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H836–37**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H835–36.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H833, H834, and H834–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUPERCHARGING THE INNOVATION BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Future of Defense Task Force held a hearing entitled “Supercharging the Innovation Base”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM—ARE THE MILITARY SERVICES REALLY TAKING CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Exceptional Family Member Program—Are the Military Services Really Taking Care of Family Members?”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Stevens, Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy, Department of Defense; Captain Edward Simmer, U.S. Navy, Chief Clinical Officer, TRICARE Health Plans, Defense Health Agency, Department of Defense; Colonel Steve Lewis, U.S. Army, Deputy Director, DA Quality of Life Task Force and DA Family Advocacy Program Manager, U.S. Army; Ed Cannon, Director,

Fleet and Family Readiness, Commander, U.S. Navy Installations Command; Norma Inabinet, Deputy Director, Military Personnel Programs, U.S. Air Force Personnel Center; Jennifer Stewart, Manager, Exceptional Family Member Program, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Jackie Nowicki, Director, K–12 Education, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

UPDATE ON NAVY AND MARINE CORPS READINESS IN THE PACIFIC IN THE AFTERMATH OF RECENT MISHAPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Update on Navy and Marine Corps Readiness in the Pacific in the Aftermath of Recent Mishaps”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Richard A. Brown, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Headquarters.

OVERSIGHT HEARING ON DOE’S ROLE IN ADVANCING BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on DOE’s Role in Advancing Biomedical Sciences”. Testimony was heard from Narayanan Kasthuri, Neuroscientist, Argonne National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAMS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Community Recycling Programs: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Peter Wright, Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF WORK: PROTECTING WORKERS’ CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “The Future of Work: Protecting Workers’ Civil Rights in the Digital Age”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.